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## **Antonio Felix da Costa, DS Techeetah and Michelin claim Monaco Formula E spoils**

Today's race may have been the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship's fourth visit to Monaco, but it was the first time the drivers' got to contest the long, 3.318-kilometre version of the Principality's celebrated circuit.

The loop incorporated such famous racing landmarks as the climb after Sainte-Dévote and Casino Square, which saw zero-emission racing cars pass its doorstep for the very fast time. The track differed slightly from the grand-prix layout, however, including a more pronounced chicane after the tunnel, while the Mode Attack Activation Zone was positioned in front of Monte Carlo's Hôtel de Paris.

As the first and only venue to host a single E-Prix this season, Monaco provided Michelin with an opportunity to sample the championship's latest regulations which restrict the number of tyres drivers may use during free practice, qualifying and the race to just six (three fronts and three rears). That's a reduction of 25 percent compared with 2020 when the allocation was eight covers, but not such a big cut as that dictated for the championship's 'double-header' meetings where eight tyres are authorised for the two days, compared with 16 previously.

"The combination of the track layout and the quality of its surface meant we had every confidence in the ability of the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV to deliver consistent high performance in Monaco," observes **Jérôme Mondain**, the manager of Michelin's Formula E programme. "The asphalt was laid quite recently and was not particularly hard-wearing for tyres, so the drivers were free to concentrate on the job of racing all the way to the chequered flag. The sight of Formula E's futuristic-looking cars competing in the streets of Monaco and the speeds the MICHELIN Pilot Sport EV allowed them to reach made it an exceptionally exciting show. It was the first Monaco E-Prix to take place since Formula E was granted FIA World Championship status and Michelin is proud have made its own contribution to this historic occasion for the zero-emissions series."

The 2021 Monaco E-Prix was won by Antonio Felix da Costa (DS Techeetah), ahead of Robin Frijns (Envision Virgin Racing) and Mitch Evans (Jaguar Racing).

As always, strict sanitary measures were enforced for the race, with only 6,500 spectators authorised to watch, all of whom had to be either Monaco residents or work in the Principality.

All those involved in the championship – including Michelin's staff – had to operate within their own 'bubble' from the days preceding the race in order to minimise the risk of catching the Covid-19 virus.



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Michelin has long been active in the fight against Covid-19. It makes surgical masks in several of its factories, while personnel numbers at races are kept to a minimum, as are the time they spend at the track and the list of people they come into contact with.

After a run of five E-Prix at three different venues (Rome/Italy, Valencia/Spain and Monaco) in less than a month, there will now be a relative gap before action resumes on June 19-20 in Puebla, Mexico. The short break will enable the drivers, teams and Michelin to charge their batteries!

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